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1 national security and defense, may suspend or amend, during
2 a period ending not later than six months after the ter-
3 mination of such state or threat of war or not later than such
4 earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may
5 designate, the rules and regulations applicable to any or all
6 facilities or stations for wire communication within the juris-
7 diction of the United States as prescribed by the Commission,
8 and may cause the closing of any facility or station for wire
9 communication and the removal therefrom of its apparatus
10 and equipment, or he may authorize the use or control of
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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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14 *That section 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as*
 15 *amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 47, sec. 606), is*
 16 *hereby amended by striking out "(d)" in subsection (d) and*
 17 *inserting in lieu thereof "(e)", and by inserting after sub-*
 18 *section (c) a new subsection as follows:*

19 *"(d) Upon proclamation by the President that there ex-*
 20 *ists a state or threat of war involving the United States, the*
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 22 *tional security and defense, may, during a period ending not*
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6 equipment, or (3) authorize the use or control of any such
7 facility or station and its apparatus and equipment by any
8 department of the Government under such regulations as he
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10 SEC. 2. Such section 606 is further amended by insert-
11 ing at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

12 “(f) Nothing in subsection (c) or (d) shall be con-
13 strued to amend, repeal, impair, or affect existing laws or
14 powers of the States in relation to taxation or the lawful
15 police regulations of the several States, except wherein such
16 laws, powers, or regulations may affect the transmission of
17 Government communications, or the issue of stocks and bonds
18 by any communication system or systems.”